

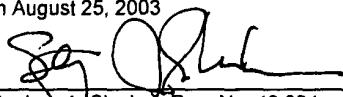


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Title : PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM AN ANTIGEN RECOGNIZED BY ANTIBODIES FROM  
PATIENTS WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS, ANTIBODY DIRECTED AGAINST  
SAID PEPTIDE, A COMBINATORIAL ANTIGEN, AND A METHOD OF DETECTION  
AUTO-IMMUNE ANTIBODIES  
TC/A.U. : 1644  
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and including August 25, 2003. A first extension fee of \$55 was paid on July 15, 2003. The remainder of the  
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